

SPRING STREET LINK

October 13, 2015

As I shared with many of you at our recent Curriculum Nights, one of our goals this year is continuous improvement in student writing performance. Last Friday during our professional development day our morning was dedicated towards reviewing and analyzing student writing, using a rubric (a tool that articulates criteria and performance expectations) to grade student work, and having collaborative discussions related to consistency in determining student performance levels. In the afternoon, our time was spent on using student writing performance data to identify specific areas for instructional focus and learning. We are confident that the work that took place on Friday will positively impact student learning in the weeks to come, certainly a great use of time.

Scholastic Book Fair

October 26 to November 3, if you are interested in helping with the Book Fair please contact Erin Ryan at erin.ryan@alum.wpi.edu

Last Chance for Chess Club!

We have extended the deadline for Chess Club to tomorrow. Please send in the registration form and check for \$25 into the school. First meeting is this Friday after school!

Winter Craft Night Planning Meeting

Please join us at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, October 23rd in the school cafeteria to discuss the upcoming Winter Craft Night on Friday, December 4, 2015. We are excited to start planning this creative and fun night for our school and we hope you can join us. ***Please bring any ideas that you have!*** If you can't make the meeting but are interested in helping out, please contact Jenny Ghidella at jghidella@townisp.com.

Coins for Construction - PTO Sponsored Fundraiser for New Library Next Week

Start saving your coins! The PTOs of Shrewsbury's public and private elementary and middle schools want to play a part in the next chapter of our new library! A Coin Drive will be held at Spring Street School the week of October 19th. Coin drop-off will be in the school lobby from 8:30 to 9am on Monday 10/19, Tuesday 10/20 and Wednesday 10/21. Students that bring in a coin donation in a ziploc bag will be entered into a raffle. Prizes will include two (2) one-hour jump passes to SkyZone, cookies from Wicked Good Cookies and a Tatnuck bookstore \$25 gift certificate. Stay tuned for more information coming home in the backpacks soon. If this town-wide initiative reaches its goal, an area in the new Shrewsbury Public Library will be named for the children and families of Shrewsbury. The new library will open in the early Fall of 2016. If you have any questions, please contact Nicole Longton at nicole@longtonlaw.com.

From Previous Links

Help Us Spruce Up Spring Street Gardens-Volunteers Needed This Saturday

How exciting! This Saturday, October 17 from 8:30-11:30am, Spring Street School families will be putting on their work gloves to clean up the gardens in front of our school. **Our attention will be focused on the flagpole garden working alongside RJ Services Landscaping to clean up this**

gateway garden to our school! Work will include clearing the area, installing weed control matting, planting and moving flowers/bushes, as well as mulching! If time and volunteers permit, the Owl's Nest green space (circular drive area) will also be cleaned/cut back as well.

If you can help for an hour or three hours, bring your work gloves, rakes, shovels, cutting tools (small and large), and positive attitude as we can all come together in true Spring Street Spirit! Battery-powered weedwackers would be great as well! We hope to see you there! If you can make it or have any questions, please e-mail Barbara Luby at bluby@shrewsbury.k12.ma.us

Important Dates

Wednesday, October 21, Buffalo Wild Wings Dining Out Fundraiser

October 26-November 3, Book Fair at SSS

Tuesday, November 3, Parent/Teacher Conferences, No School

Wednesday, November 11, Veteran's Day, No School

Tuesday, November 17, PTO Meeting, 6:30-7:30pm

November 25-27, Thanksgiving Vacation

Friday, December 4, Winter Craft Night

Tuesday, December 8, Teacher Professional Development, Early Release (12:15pm)

December 24-January 1, December Vacation

Have a good week.

Bryan Mabie